Pacific Southwest Region, Sierra National Forest

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Sierra National Forest, Safety Advisory: Road and Recreation Facilities Update

Clovis, CA. June 16, 2023 – The Sierra National Forest (SNF), (High Sierra and Bass Lake Ranger Districts) has been working to repair damage to roads and trails caused by the historic winter we've experienced. As the snow melts, we continue to make progress in assessing and repairing our roads and trails and clearing down and hazardous vegetation. We are pleased to announce that many of the more popular recreation destinations are now open, providing options for the vast array of recreational opportunities you may be seeking. Please see below for details:

Bass Lake Ranger District:

The following campground/picnic sites/hiking trails are now open to the public.

- Camping sites
 - Chilkoot, Forks, Lone Sequoia, Lupine-Cedar; Redinger Lake, Soquel, Spring Cove, and Summerdale by reservation only on www.recreation.gov
 - o Greys Mtn is available on a first come first served basis.
- Picnic Sites
 - o Denver Church, Falls Beach, Indian Flat, Lakeside, Little Denver Church, McCLendon Beach, Pine Point, Pine Slope, Rocky Point and Willow Cove.
- Hiking Trails
 - o Goat Mtn, Lookout, Hite Cove, Lewis Creek National Rec Trail, Savage Lundy, Way-of-the Mono interpretive trail, and Willow Creek trail.

High Sierra Ranger District:

The following campground/picnic sites/hiking trails are now open to the public.

- Camping Sites
 - o Dinkey Creek, Dinkey Creek Group, Dorabelle, Kirch Flat Group by reservation only on www.recreation.gov
 - Bear Wallow Group, Black Rock, Bretz Mill, Gravel Flat Group, and Kirch Flat are available on a first come first served basis.
- Picnic Sites
 - o Dinkey Fisherman and Dorabelle
- Hiking Trails
 - o Please call the High Sierra District office for information regarding hiking trails at 559-855-5355.

An adventure into the great outdoors has many benefits; to refresh, recharge, learn and explore to name a few. The outdoors can also help us to relieve our stress, and connect to not just nature but also with those around us. With an outdoor adventure also comes the responsibility for safety. Please check on the latest road and weather conditions, make sure you have adequate means to communicate from your destination, and inform others of your intended location and schedule.

The SNF has developed a map that shows forest roads and recreation sites that are affected by storm damage or closure order due to hazardous conditions. The most recent map and Closure Order can be found on the Forest website, <u>Sierra National Forest - Home (usda.gov)</u> For additional information, a dedicated phone line has been established to answer questions specific to road closures. Please contact the SNF at (559) 343-3090, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Sun-Saturday.